

REMARKS

The applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Final Office Action of 23 February 2007 and notes with appreciation the substantive allowance of claims 2-4, 7-11, 16-18 and 24-27. In response the applicant seeks to accept the allowed coverage.

More specifically, claim 1 is now amended to incorporate the subject matter of substantively allowed claim 2. As such claim 1 should now be formally allowed. With the incorporation of the subject matter of claim 2 into claim 1, claim 2 is now canceled without prejudice. In addition, claim 3 is now amended to depend from claim 1.

Further, claims 28, 31, 35, 36 and 43-45 are now canceled without prejudice. The remaining pending claims 3-4, 7-11, 16-18 and 24-27 depend from claim 1 and should also be allowed.

In summary, all issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed and the application has been placed in condition for formal allowance. Upon careful review and consideration it is believed the Examiner will agree with this proposition. Accordingly, the early issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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